

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the detailed examination evidenced by the Official Action mailed October 13, 2006 (herein after the "Official Action"). Applicants also appreciate the continued allowance of Claims 9-13, 31-34, and 36-38 as well as the indication that Claims 5-8, 24-29, and 43-45 include patentable subject matter.

Official Action, page 8.

In response:

1. independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable Claim 8 (which has now been canceled), thereby placing Claims 1-7 in condition for allowance.¹

2. independent Claim 21 has been amended to include recitations similar to those found in allowable Claim 8, thereby placing Claims 21-23, and Claim 30 in condition for allowance.

3. allowable Claim 24 has been amended to include the recitations of Claims 21 and 22 thereby placing Claims 24-26 in condition for allowance.

4. allowable Claim 27 has been amended to include the recitations of Claims 22 and 21 thereby placing Claims 27-29 in condition for allowance.

5. independent Claim 39 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable Claims 43 (which has now been canceled), thereby placing Claims 39-40, 42, and 44-45 in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance which is respectfully requested in due course. If any informal matters arise the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone at (919) 854-1400.

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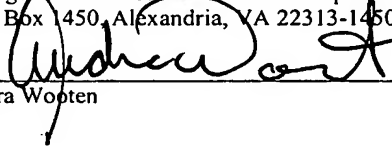
¹ Applicants also note that the recitations of Claim 8 have been slightly adjusted to accurately reflect the reference to "accessing" being performed before "transmitting." In particular, the recitation of "is received" has been changed to "was received."

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